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Honorable James E. Hall, Chairman
National Transportation Safety Board
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Dear Chairman Hall:

I am writing with further questions regarding the investigation of the TWA Flight 800 tragedy. As you may recall, during the July 10 Aviation Subcommittee hearing, I indicated that I would submit these additional questions in writing.

I would appreciate it if you would provide answers to the following questions:

1. If the FBI finds that its criminal investigation cannot support indictments, has it indicated that it will release its evidence and analysis to the NTSB?
2. If this evidence is not available, will it be possible to conduct a complete public hearing?
3. Will a "second set of eyes" investigative team be assembled to review NTSB findings?
4. Has equal investigative weight been given to all evidence? For example, was recovered wreckage completely consistent with NTSB theories regarding a central fuel tank explosion?
5. While the hearing established that the FBI interviewed all eyewitnesses to this accident, how many were interviewed by the NTSB? If not all of them, why not?
6. Did you interview all of the pilots in the area who reported sighting streaks of light near TWA Flight 800?
7. Have you interviewed the crew of the P3 which was traveling near the location of Flight 800, moments before the explosion?
8. If you have not interviewed all eyewitnesses, does a failure to interview so many eyewitnesses to this disaster suggest that the NTSB is discounting evidence that does fit a predetermined notion of what happened to Flight 800?

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I would appreciate your help in answering these questions. If I may provide additional information on any of these items, please feel free to contact my Legislative Assistant, Howard Moorin, at 225-7041.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Pat Danner", with a horizontal line drawn through the middle of the signature.

Pat Danner
Member of Congress

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